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LETTER DATED 25 JULY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CROATIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In accordance with instructions from my Government, please be advised of a serious act of aggression against the Republic of Croatia from the territory of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina under the control of the Bosnian Serb army; the Bosnian Serb army shelled the region of Dubrovnik yesterday. Fifty-two detonations were reported: 5 in the area of Slano, west of Dubrovnik; 5 in Orasac; 4 in Zaton; 8 in Brgat; 12 in Kupare and Zupa; 10 in Zvekovici; and 8 in Gruda. The shelling originated from the Trebinje region in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The attacks on Dubrovnik, a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization "world heritage" city, have always been carried out from the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina under the control of the Bosnian Serb army.

The shelling of Dubrovnik from the territory of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina underscores the view of my Government that the solution-seeking process in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia cannot be separated, but must be pursued in parallel, through the diplomatic means of the Contact Group but also through other appropriate measures by the responsible parties in the region.

My Government respectfully requests that the members of the Security Council address this latest development with utmost concern. This development is a serious threat to the security of the Republic of Croatia and it seriously undermines the stability and prospects for peace in the region. Such acts of aggression by the Belgrade proxies in Bosnia can seriously increase the social pressures created by close to half a million dispirited displaced persons and refugees in Croatia.

May I request your assistance in distributing this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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